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Annual World Missions Conferences Ready Jan. 14-25

New Dates Set For 1957 Meeting Of SBC -- Body To View Record Budget

NASHVILLE — (BP) The 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night.

The change in schedule was recommended by the Convention's committee on order of business and approved by the Executive Committee.

Normally the Southern Baptist Convention opens its sessions Wednesday morning and closes sometime Saturday. Attendance at Saturday sessions however is usually smaller because pastors and church workers want to get home in time to hold their regular Sunday

services.

Ira H. Peak, Mobile, Ala., chairman of the committee on order of business, said the revised dates are May 28-31 in Chicago's International Amphitheater.

The Tuesday night session will be a joint service on foreign missions with the Woman's Missionary Union convention, he said. Ending the Convention on Friday night may require a session on Friday afternoon. Otherwise there will be no afternoon meetings, according to Peak.

Record Breaker

This will be the Southern Baptist Convention's second visit to Chicago. It met there in 1950 but used another meeting place than the Amphitheater. As before the convention headquarters hotel will be the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The Convention Executive Committee will ask the 1957 Convention to approve a record-breaking Cooperative Program budget goal of \$16½ million for 1958.

This, according to Treasurer Porter Routh, will be about \$3 million greater than 1956 receipts. The goal includes both the distributable portion and the advance portion of the annual budget.

Mississippi Chairman

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., who is chairman of the finance committee of the Executive Committee, recommended the goal.

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Spencer Elected To Head of Association

NASHVILLE (BP) — Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson, Mississippi Baptist Foundation secretary, has been elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

He succeeds Herschel Pettus, Alexandria, La., director of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

James Bryant, Richmond, secretary of Virginia Baptist Foundation, will serve as vice-president of the group and George Shearin, Dallas, Texas Baptist endowment secretary, as secretary of the association.



Impressive Program Marks Carey Service

"We have met today to renew the life of a college which is 50 years old," Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, the new president of William Carey College said as he began his address of inauguration at special services at the college on Friday of last week.

Continuing, he said, "The educational college is in her third year and bears the name of a short, slightly stooped, bald-headed, not so handsome, intellectual, God-loving William Carey of Pauler's Pury, England."

"Carey College must emphasize the arts. Our college, beginning with the 1957-58 session, will offer courses in the classical languages as well as the modern romance languages."

"Carey College must have a strengthened program in the natural sciences. When the college opens her doors in September 1957, her science department will be housed in a

newly constructed air-conditioned building, the gift of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"Carey's greatest contribution to our college is his philosophy of education."

"William Carey combined critical intelligence with relig-

ious devotion in a remarkable way. This, too, we must do in Carey's College."

God-Given Mission

In closing he asserted: "The greatest fact about Carey was his dedication to his God-given mission."

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S.S. Board Adopts 24-Year Building Layout

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board was held here December 6-7 with all state Board members present. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, has announced the following recommendations were adopted at the meeting of the 49-member board.

Long range building plans, based on preliminary studies, include the development of buildings for more adequate receiving, assembling, storing, and shipping of all periodicals, graded literature, Baptist bulletins, and merchandise.

The construction of such activities buildings would be the first step in a 24-year program to develop recently acquired property. Engineers and architects to prepare drawings need to be hired. Construction of the new building will begin sometime next year, but no definite time has been set for completion. Foundation of the building will be such that the entire building can be constructed as one unit over the 14-year period if necessary, Dr. Sullivan said.

A major reason Dr. Sullivan gave for the development is that space at present is inadequate for trucks to operate sufficiently fast to keep receiving and shipping operations moving

at the needed pace. Another reason is to meet the growing needs of the Southern Baptist Convention for literature and other religious materials.

6-Year Cycle

"At present there are 30,500 Southern Baptist churches. The Convention has underway an eight-year program to establish 30,000 chapels and mission preaching points, which leaders expect will become at least 5000 permanent churches," Dr. Sullivan said.

The 24-year development program will be planned in six-year cycles. A special committee, headed by J. M. Crowe, administrative assistant to Dr. Sullivan, is in charge of the planning.

No Paper Next Week

According to custom of many years standing, the Baptist Record will not issue a paper next week, Christmas week.

The next issue after this one will appear in 1957, Thursday, the 3rd.

Ten One-Day Meetings Set For Every Part Of State

The annual Mississippi Baptist World Missions Conferences for 1956-57 have been set for the two weeks of Jan. 14-18 and 21-25, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Unlike the past two years when conferences were held by associations, this year's schedule calls for 10 gigantic one-day regional meetings.

The conferences will have the effect of introducing the new church finance program of Southern Baptists and the theme of the meetings will be "The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists and its Relation to World Missions."

While everyone is invited to attend, the local church leadership is particularly urged to be present. This includes pastors, deacons, finance committee members, budget committee members, organizational heads and officers, teachers and officers and all workers in general.

The complete schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 14, First Church, Indianola; Tuesday, Jan. 22, First Church, Batesville; Wednesday, Jan. 23, First Church, Tupelo; Thursday, Jan. 24, First Church, Starkville; Friday, Jan. 25, First Church, Kosciusko.

Five Speakers

At each conference there will be five speakers. These will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, State Convention Board; Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary; Thomas B. Chaney, Jackson, superintendent of missions for Hinds County Association, and two of the pastors of the test churches in the recent Hinds County Pilot Campaign, as follows:

Jan. 14-15-16, Dr. G. Norman Price, Parkway Church, and Rev. Gordon Sansing, Broadmoor Church; Jan. 17-18, Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, Daniel Memorial Church, and Rev. S. W. Valentine, Southside Church; Jan. 21-22, Rev. G. C. Cox, Hillcrest Church, and Rev. Robert W. Martin, Crestwood Church; Jan. 23-24-25, Rev. W. Henry Crouch, Northside Church, and Rev. Fred A. Tarpley, Ridgecrest Church.

Late BULLETINS From Around The World

(By Religious News Service)

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, warned here that a divided Protestantism threatens its influence in the nation.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected a petition for a rehearing of its recent ruling that tax money may be paid to religious institutions for the care of neglected children.

JERUSALEM — Arrangements permitting some 33,000 Christians in Israel to make Christmas pilgrimages to Arab-controlled Bethlehem were announced by Israeli authorities.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Residents of the Knoxville-Clinton area are signing a Declaration of Conscience condemning "the violation of human dignity in Hungary and East Tennessee."

TORONTO, Ont. — Three thousand Bibles and New Testaments, printed in more than 30 languages, were presented by the Upper Canada Bible Society here to the Shantymen's Association of Canada for distribution in the lumber camps of northern Ontario.

MADRAS, India — Nine prominent Indian Hindu leaders, in a joint statement here, praised the work of Christian missionaries in this country and assailed allegations made against foreign missions institutions by some state government groups.

\$728 Million Is Objective For 1964 Total SBC Gifts

NASHVILLE (BP)—The goal for total Southern Baptist Convention giving in the year 1964 is \$728 million including \$189 million in missionary and benevolence work.

The 1964 goal and goals for preceding years was set by the SBC Executive Committee after being recommended by the promotion committee.

The 1964 goal compares with \$335 million in total gifts for 1955 of which \$35 million went for missionary and benevolence work.

The Executive Committee also approved The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists which was developed through the promotion committee and the Executive Committee's division of promotion.

Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary of the Executive Committee and director of promotion, said the church finance program proved "very successful" in test campaigns in the Fall of 1956.

By the year 1964, the goal is all Southern Baptist affiliated churches using the recommended Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists.

Goals Cited

The goals for total Southern Baptist giving before 1964 are:

1957—\$364 million including \$43,000,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1958—\$416 million including \$58,240,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1959—\$468 million including \$74,000,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1960—\$520 million including \$93,000,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1961—\$572 million including \$114,400,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1962—\$624 million including \$137,280,000 in missionary and benevolence.
1963—\$676 million including \$162,240,000 in missionary and benevolence.

Business Manager Named For State Board

B. M. Huddleston, secretary-treasurer of the M-R-S Manufacturing Co. of Florida has resigned that post to become business manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. It has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Huddleston will have supervision of all budgetary matters and direction of all office personnel and will begin his new work March 1.

The newly-created post of business manager was authorized by the State Convention Board in its September 10-11 meeting and Mr. Huddleston was elected at the Dec. 4 meeting.



B. M. Huddleston

Mr. Huddleston has been with the M-R-S Company since 1948 and has advanced from accountant to his present position.

He is a graduate of Utica High School and attended Mississippi State College where he majored in industrial management.

He has also attended the Millsaps Center of the University of Mississippi and has taken courses with LaSalle Extension University, Chicago and the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa.

Mr. Huddleston is a member of the First Baptist Church of Florida. He and Mrs. Huddleston and their 5-year old son will move to Jackson as he begins his new work.

HOW I FIND JOY IN CHRISTMAS

By S. L. Morgan

As age comes on, maybe, unlike others, I find increasing joy in Christmas. For I think the years have brought me a deeper kind of joy than that of the child. I wish to share with others the secret I have learned. Besides the deeper religious meaning, I find in Christmas the unique opportunity of the year to draw closer the bonds of friendship, to say a hearty Thank you to the numerous people who during the year have been kind or helpful, and to send messages of cheer and comfort to many who are battling with heavy odds and sorely need a boost.

OPPORTUNITY

I therefore see Christmas greetings as a precious opportunity to do vast good. Soor millions — likely billions — of greeting cards will be speeding across the land. What a vast power for good, if people will only put heart and purpose into them. But millions of them will carry no message — nothing personal but a name signed — or maybe in cold type. That always causes me a little twinge of regret and sorrow. If only the dear one had written even three words: "I love you!" Its value would have been multiplied. But one can so easily do more than that. I plead for sending each greeting with an earnest purpose. Mine shall go with three main objectives:

NEW FRIENDSHIPS

First, to cement old friendships and cultivate new ones. Increasingly I have delighted in Christmas as the blossoming time for the seeds of friendship and love sown during many years. I feel sure that I've kept many friendships intact for years by the tiny notes I've sent at Christmas — many of them on postal cards; for my simple greeting cards never hold out. For my list includes friends cherished from boyhood through all the years. I want them to know that often I've thought of them, and the greeting is but to assure them that the old friendship still holds and is valued. To sign my name merely doesn't say it loud enough. And no investment has paid me bigger dividends than the tiny notes sent once-a-year. To hold friends is to me almost a life-and-death matter.

A BOOST

A deeper purpose still will go into many of my greetings: to put heart into the moral battles I've seen friends waging through the years; some with temptation, doubt, discouragement; with debt, sickness, or sorrow; with marriages that threaten to break; with children going wrong. Once a year at Christmas my notes will strive to give a boost to such. Some at times have told me, "we have kept a file of your notes for years; we read them over at times, and they give us a boost."

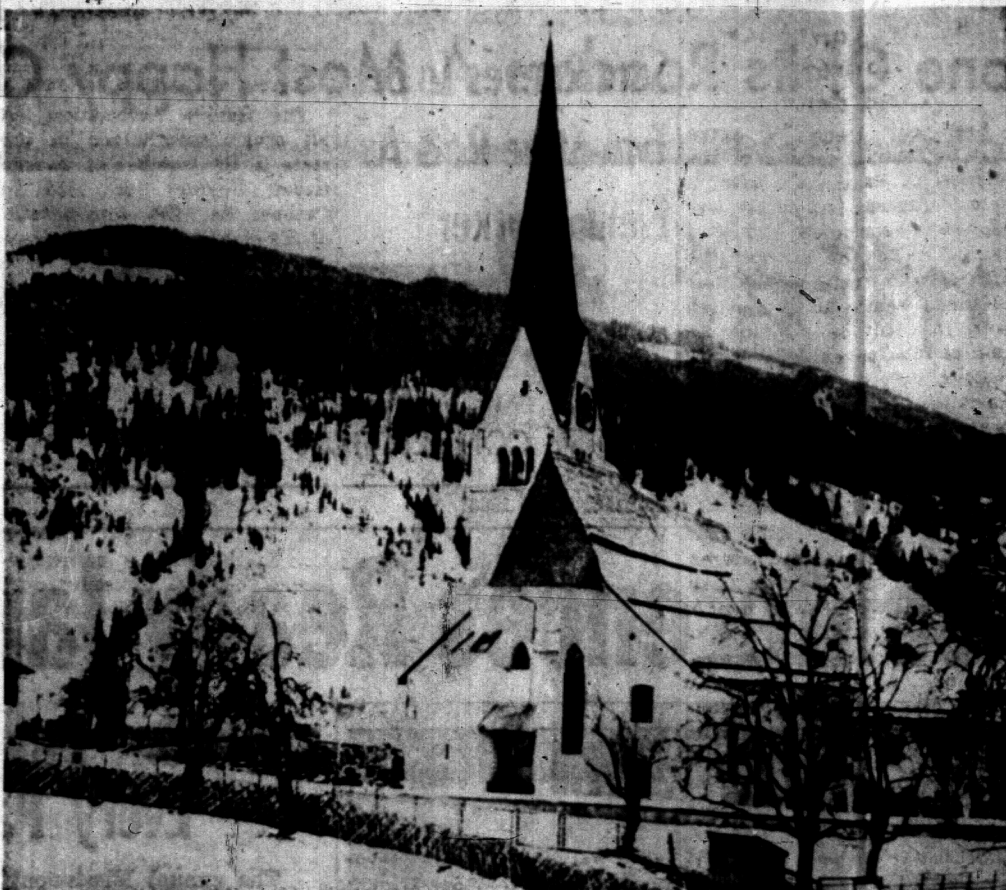
FORMER STUDENTS

I have in Kansas a wonderful cousin. Long a school teacher or principal, she keeps a list of former students. She put her life into them, and started them toward the good, useful life, and at Christmas sends them each a note—two to three hundred of them. Most reply. And many year by year go back—often hundreds of miles — to talk over their school days and tell often how her interest and her ideals have followed them into careers she can be proud of. And it seems a rich reward for a life spent in helping to make them good and great. Why not each of us have a list for greetings aimed at helping make the weak strong for the hard battle of life?

THANK-YOU NOTES

What a warming of the heart I feel as I look back over the years at the people who have helped me! There is the simple, devoted girl teacher of the little boy I was 70 years ago, whose goodness made me want to be good, and whose little religious service each morning taught me to worship and made religion forever real to me. Each Christmas for many years I've thanked her in far-off Oklahoma for what she did for me in two five-month terms. And in her scrawling hand at 90 she thanks me back for helping her to feel sure she has not lived in vain. And along with her will be on my list a score or so of others bound to me in gratitude by mutual kindness all down the

Birthplace Of The Most Popular Christmas Carol



"Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung for the first time on Christmas Eve 138 years ago by a congregation in St. Nicholas church in the village parish of Oberndorf, Austria. The church organ needed repairs and rather than forego singing on Christmas Eve, Franz Xavier Gruber, the choirmaster, and Josef Mohr, the church vicar, hastily composed a simple melody that could be picked out on a guitar. The song was "Silent Night" which has since been translated into many languages to become the most popular of Christmas carols throughout the free world.—(RNS Photo).

years. You, too, do well to think back and put your heart into thank-you notes. Surely it is little enough to do once a year to many who have enriched your life.

SORROW AND TRIAL

One select group for my thank-you notes will be those who have gone through great sorrow or trial triumphantly. They stir my admiration and gratitude, and my heart says with a thrill: "Maybe with God's help I could do it too, if the worst comes!" Such I'll thank warmly.

Some of them I watched when their hearts broke in a great sorrow, and I saw them weep and smile it through to victory — some of them afar through their letters. They wrote, "I felt I couldn't go on, but God helped me to victory, and feel maybe I can help others more for my suffering."

OCTOGENARIAN

There is the frail woman in her 80's whom I saw watching over her two bed-ridden sisters, also in their 80's. She wrote, "I pray I may hold out to see them to their end." Once I saw her — so frail I doubted if her prayer could be answered. But it was. And my Christmas note will tell her I think she is greater and finer for it, and that her heroism has helped me.

Then there is the admirable young woman who gave up a fine job and a good income in the city, and has now given three years in the rural home to easing the way for her parents to the end, both near 90. One is now gone, and she keeps her loving vigil over the other. I was in the home a few minutes, and saw the heroic battle for life. I wrote her, "You make me, after all, proud of the human race!" I'll say so again on her Christmas card.

Time fails me to tell of a score or so of others in this group who will get my Christmas notes saying, "Thank you for helping me to be brave."

THE AGED AND SHUT-INS

For several years the aged and the shut-ins have been my special concern. My articles have brought me numerous stories of their loneliness and hunger for the attention that so often even their churches neglect to give them. Many of them will get at least a postal card from me, those cheap, quick, wonderful messengers — a minute and 2-cents. I like to repeat at Christmas what three postals did for me — the last day I could buy them for one cent. I mailed 100, three to old saints in my town: one past 90, one a woman 87, and blind, the other an honored minister and educator who knew his work was done. The same night all three rang my phone within several minutes of each other, each to say with touching gratitude, "Thank you so much for your note of appreciation." Each a minute and 1c. I'm glad I did it. All are dead now. God has rewarded them richly for rich lives.

I beg you to try it. Christmas is rich in such opportunities.

Tribute Is Paid To Miss Marian Leavell



The above group took part in the "This Is Your Life" program presented at the annual BSU Convention in honor of Miss Marian Leavell, who has completed 25 years of service as B.S.U. Secretary at Ole Miss. Standing at left is Harold Gully, Hinds County BSU Director, who was in charge of the program. Seated at extreme left is Miss Leavell.

During the 33rd annual Baptist Student Union Convention meeting at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on December 7-9, tribute was paid to Miss Marian Leavell for her 25 years of service as B. S. U. Secretary at Ole Miss. A "This Is Your Life" program was staged in her honor.

Taking part on the program were George Canton, Marjorie Black, Joe Jack Hurst, Virginia Melvin Burgess, Nick Abdo, and Jessie Phillips, all former students at Ole Miss; Dr. Frank Moody Purser, pastor emeritus at First Church, Oxford; Dr. Louis Nobles, professor of pharmacy at Ole Miss and B. S. U. faculty adviser; Dr. James E. Southerland, pastor of First Church, Oxford; and Mrs. Mary Libby Bickerstaff Payne, Mississippi College.

Miss Marian Leavell was born in Oxford, the first girl in two generations of Leavell men. (She is a sister of the well-known Frank Leavell and Roland Q. Leavell). She attended Blue Mountain for three years, where she began her work in English and music. When serious trouble with her eyes developed she had to major in Physical Education.

After her third year at Blue Mountain, she transferred to Ole Miss to be with her mother, as her father had been stricken with paralysis. She taught Physical Education for two years at the University of Mississippi, and after doing further work at Columbia University in New York, Miss Marian taught public school in Hulbert, Arkansas for two years.

In 1931 she became B. S. U. secretary at Ole Miss, using her Chevrolet as her "first office," the back seat for the B. S. U. library and the front seat for conferences. (Arny Rhoden was the first B. S. U. President at Ole Miss.)

Dr. James Southerland summarized the opinion of the other speakers before him. "Beyond doubt, Miss Marian Leavell has meant more to Baptist students at Ole Miss during the past 25 years than any other one person alive today. She is a genuine Christian, thoroughly devoted to her calling."

Information concerning Miss Leavell's life was compiled by Bonita Appleton, student in the

First, Purvis, Calls Minister of Music



J. T. Taylor

First Church, Purvis, has appointed J. T. Taylor as Youth Director and Minister of Music. Mr. Taylor, who had served in the same capacity at Centreville Church for the past two years, and Mrs. Taylor, the former Clara Lane of Magnolia, are now living on the church field.

Mr. Taylor formerly served the Franklin Street Church, Jacksonville, Florida and First Church, Fort Meade, Florida. He received the Diploma in Sacred Music at New Orleans Seminary this year and is at present a candidate for the Bachelor of Music Education degree at William Carey College.

Since his coming to First Church, Purvis, Adult, Youth, and Carol Choirs have been organized. The choirs, which now have an enrollment of 74, will present their first program on December 23 at the evening service.

Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

Texas Baptist colleges and universities have spent more than \$5,012,450 for new buildings and renovations during the past twelve months. The total assets of the schools are now valued at \$42 million, an increase of \$10 million during the past three years.

Department of Journalism at the University of Mississippi and arranged by Harold N. Gully, BSU Director of the Hinds County Association.

New Dates --

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Routh told the Executive Committee the year's end figure for 1956 will be approximately \$13,233,000. Of this, \$10 million was distributed to all agencies sharing in the budget. After the \$10 million mark, funds have been distributed only to home and foreign missions.

In this phase of budget distribution, known as the Cooperative Program Advance, the Foreign Mission Board receives 75 per cent of funds and the Home Mission Board 25 per cent.

Foreign Increase

The 1958 proposed budget includes an increase of \$600,000 in the Foreign Mission Board's operating budget and \$500,000 more in the operating budget for the Home Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board will receive \$5,685,250 of the \$13 million operating and capital budget of the Convention. The Home Mission Board will get \$1,961,750.

Routh said the advance section of the 1958 budget is expected to be \$3 1/2 million.

The proposed '58 budget also includes a capital needs allocation of \$1,256,433 to Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. It will be used for a new campus. Golden Gate, presently occupying buildings in Berkeley, Calif., is developing its new campus on San Francisco Bay north of San Francisco.

Impressive Program -

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mission. This complete dedication to the will of God must be present in the life of the president of William Carey College. To the ideals of William Carey, and still more, to the ideals of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I, James Ralph Noonkester, dedicate myself as I formally accept the challenge of the presidency of William Carey College.

In other highlight activities of the day ground was broken for the new I. E. Rouse Memorial Library.

The building, to be constructed of brick, will be completely air-conditioned and acoustically treated. There will be sufficient room for 30,000 volumes.

with all of the appurtenances for a first-class library.

An unusual feature of the floor plan is the placing of the reading area around the outside of the stacks so that the plant is operated on an "open-stack" system. Carrels for faculty research and tables for student reading, all of which are within easy reach of the books themselves, will offer an invitation to learning.

Thru \$600,000 Loan

This building will be one of those made possible through the \$600,000 loan authorized by the recent session of the State Convention.

Scores of visitors from many states were present for the day-long inaugural ceremonies that climaxed with the inauguration of Dr. Noonkester as president of the school.

Activities actually began on Thursday evening preceding with the inaugural dinner for the student body, faculty, administrative staff and trustees.

"The Messiah" was rendered at 8 p. m. with Prof. Donald Winters, head of the music department, conducting. Following was a reception for the choir and friends.

Actual inaugural ceremonies were held at 10:30 a. m. Friday with Dr. Doak Campbell, president of Florida State University, Tallahassee, as the principal speaker.

Installation of Dr. Noonkester was conducted by Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg, president of the college's board of trustees, followed by the inaugural address.

Following ground-breaking exercises the inaugural luncheon was held in the college dining hall for all guests, trustees, faculty and staff.

The principal speaker was Dr. R. A. McLemore, Dean of Mississippi Southern College.

The inaugural reception in honor of President and Mrs. Noonkester was held at 3 o'clock at the president's home with the alumni business meeting following at 4:30 in Tatum Court.

The day's activities were concluded with a homecoming basketball game in Petal gymnasium.

Christmas Classic On "Greatest Story"



The Christmas classic of the airwaves, "No Room at the Inn," the story of the Nativity, will be heard again this Christmas Sunday, December 23, at 5:30 p. m. (EST) over the ABC radio network. This is the eleventh season of this traditional holiday broadcast on "The Greatest Story Ever Told" program, one of radio's most honored programs which, though sponsored by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, has never carried any commercial or institutional messages to remain the outstanding public service program on the air. It is heard every Sunday, at the same hour, and during the holiday season is often made part of church programs.

WALTON E. INGRAM

On October 28, 1956 Wayton E. Ingram died. As a token of their love and appreciation of Mr. Ingram, the Liberty Baptist Church in Winston County apoted resolutions expressing their thoughts and feelings concerning him.

In part the resolutions read: "Liberty community has lost a loyal, faithful friend whose highest ambition was to serve his fellow man with that friendly and warmhearted spirit of love which was so characteristic of his every being, and to respond with wise counsel to those who sought Christian advice."

"Liberty Church has lost a faithful member, a loyal deacon who shall eternally live in their memory."

The resolutions were signed by Rev. Olyn F. Roberts, pastor; Clinton Yarbrough, chairman of deacons; Roy Hopkins, and Mrs. Bill Dewease, Resolutions Committee.

Announcing...

WORLD MISSIONS YEAR

State Evangelistic Conference

Meridian, Miss. - Feb. 11-13

Theme:

"Ye Are My Witnesses"

Begins Monday 6:45 P. M.

Closes Wednesday Noon

All Sessions First Baptist Church

- Plan Now to Attend
- The Meeting You Cannot Afford to Miss
- Program To Be Released Soon

Those desiring free entertainment (bed and breakfast) write to Homes Committee, Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor First Baptist Church, Meridian, chairman. A list of hotels and motels will be carried soon in the Baptist Record.

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ATTEND AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY COUNCIL



Nine Southern Baptists attended the 1956 Advisory Council meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City. Gathered around the globe in lobby of Bible House are from left: H. E. Ingraham, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Mrs. William McMurry and Miss Alma Hunt, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham; Miss Eula Mae Henderson, WMU, Dallas; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU, Waco, Tex., and Porter Routh, Executive Committee, Nashville. Not pictured are Mrs. W. K. McKee, Winston-Salem, and Miss Miriam J. Robinson, Raleigh, N. C., WMU, and Theo Sommerkamp, Baptist Press, Nashville.—Baptist Press Photo.

Youth Speaks on Meaning of Christmas

BILLY WILSON
Ruleville, Miss.

To me Christmas is a time of joy, but deep down I feel it is a time of sorrow for those who know nothing of why we celebrate Christmas—who have never heard about Christ, our Savior—how he was born in a manger!

Christmas does not mean we have to drink alcoholic beverages, get out on the highways endangering lives in order to celebrate.

To me, the best way to find the real meaning of Christmas is to approach the season with humble hearts, prayerful minds, and willing hands to do the Master's will in all things.

GEORGE WYATT
Schlater, Mississippi

I think Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. A time when you can show your appreciation to all who have been kind to you, by giving them a gift.

It is the time when every one has a smile on their face and a friendly handshake for everyone!

We should always keep in mind who's birthday we are celebrating and respect it by enjoying ourselves in a christian way. I enjoy all that Christmas means as I realize it is a time for all people to be happy and share that happiness with one another.

IRIS ANN SPROLES
Minter City

To me, Christmas is a time for thanking God for sending His Son, into the world to save us from our sins.

To some, Christmas is presents—decorations and parties which are all right, if done in the right spirit. But do we ever put Jesus on our Christmas list? And what gift do we list for Him? Is it a material gift as money? I think the best gift we could put on our list would be "OURSELVES." I do not believe he is asking too much from us by wanting us to accept and love him.

JOINS STAFF AT CENTRAL, H'BURG



Donald Brown, a life-long member of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, has accepted the position of Music Director at Central Church, Hattiesburg. Rev. Herman A. Merritt is the Pastor of Central Church.

Donald, a Junior at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, is majoring in Music Education and Voice.

He is one of over forty young people from Second Avenue Church who are enrolled in college this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilman Brown, Sr. of Laurel. Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor of Second Avenue.

Bright Prospects At Blue Mountain

By Dr. Lawrence
Lowrey
President

Everybody seems to agree that the annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention held in Jackson last month was especially harmonious and satisfying. As for the colleges, the officials and trustees of all four of them seemed to be pleased with the attitude and the action of the Convention. We all believe that we shall now be able to go forward with increased assurance and with greater possibilities of accomplishment.

Special Committee

As for Blue Mountain's part in Convention procedures: easily the most important action of the Convention had to do with the status of the institution as a college for women. In the 1955 Convention and after presentation of a resolution from one of our County Baptist Associations requesting the Convention to make Blue Mountain completely coeducational, a committee of five was appointed to look into the matter thoroughly and to report to the 1956 Convention after a year of investigation, research, and evaluation. During and after the Convention we heard such comments as, "That was the finest committee report I ever heard."

This report involved about three pages of single space and indicated a remarkable determination on the part of the members of the committee to do a complete job of it and to make a report based wholly on the facts and for the good of the Cause.

Continue Co-ed

The committee recommended to the Convention that Blue Mountain continue to operate as a college for women instead of becoming coeducational. As is well known, ordained or licensed ministers have been admitted to classroom work in the College for a number of years, but, as the report of the committee points-out, these ministers are usually "married students" with no apparent need nor desire for full participation in all activities of normal student life at the College. The committee did recommend, however, that in addition to ministerial students Blue Mountain admit also "male students preparing for any phase of full time religious work; viz.: educational directors and church musicians." This the College is glad to do.

The recommendations of the committee were unanimously approved by the Convention. Enthusiastic commendation of the vote of the Convention has come to the administration of the College from alumni in many parts of the country, and if there has been any unfavorable comment, we have not heard about it. We trust, then, that Blue Mountain may continue to function through the years as a "first class and distinctive college for women."

New Buildings

The Convention also voted to endorse the recommendations of

Sam Reeves To Be Two-State R. & A. Field Worker



Dr. Sam C. Reeves, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La., has accepted the newly-created position of Regional Promotional Secretary for the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Convention.

His territory will be Mississippi and Louisiana with headquarters in Baton Rouge. He will begin his new duties Jan. 1.

Dr. Reeves is a native of Troy, Alabama, and holds the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., of which he is also a trustee.

He was selected by the Radio-TV Commission as one of eight speakers for messages on "Chapel Upstairs" programs to be used in the 92 armed forces hospitals and chapels around the world.

He was chosen to preach the sermon for the 1956 Louisiana Convention. Dr. Reeves will be active in the promotion of the plans of the Relief and Annuity Board in the two states.

The Convention Board concerning appropriations for the erection of further buildings to be added to the College plant. Our new library is well under way, to house more than double the number of volumes now owned by the College and with splendid facilities for reading rooms, work rooms, and classroom space. We expect to move into the library building before the close of the current session. The Convention also made provision for a major part of the funds needed for a gymnasium and a student center, including a new dining hall and kitchen for the accommodation of the entire campus population of boarding students.

We have just about reached our capacity in the matter of dormitory accommodations. A patronage increase last session and again this session is already taxing some of our facilities, and if the same percentage of increase continues into next session, as now seems virtually certain, we shall find great difficulty in caring for all applicants. We have students on the campus now from twenty-three states, Hawaii, and six foreign countries. Commonly, however, about two-thirds of our annual enrollees are Mississippians.

B. S. U. Tops

The standards and accomplishments through our student religious activities program are assuredly not bases for a boastful spirit, but we believe our constituency will rejoice with us in the highest-award approval again received by Blue Mountain from our Southern Baptist headquarters in Nashville. We have recently been informed that again the "First Magnitude" award has been earned by our Baptist Student Union with the further statement that Blue Mountain is the only Baptist college in the entire South which has received this distinction continuously since 1945.

We are grateful for the confidence manifested in the College in so many ways, and we hope to continue to merit the approval of our constituency and of the Master Himself.

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NEW YORK — An American Protestant Biblical scholar and an Italian Jesuit priest have been named joint editors of a project to index the Dead Sea Scrolls with the aid of international Business Machines' "705," a giant electronic computer.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Report on Awards for 1956

The Rankin Association led all other Associations in the state in the number of awards issued October 1st, 1955 to October 1st, 1956, with a total of 269 awards issued in the Association. This record is very fine and the Rankin Association leadership has a right to be proud of the work done in Rankin County this year in Music Schools. Many other Associations had a splendid record. Mississippi has a right to be proud of the Music School Program in view of the fact that Mississippi was third in the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of awards issued this year, exceeded only by Texas and Georgia.

Christmas Carol Sing Reports Coming In

The Music office is receiving reports from the various Associations on the Christmas Carol Sing scheduled for December 10th. Some of these

are being held on December 9th and some will hold the Carol Sing on other dates, but the Music Department is anxious to get a full report of all Carol Sings this year. A digest of the Christmas Carol Sing Program will be given in this column soon after the Christmas holidays, and we hope to receive many more reports before the season closes.

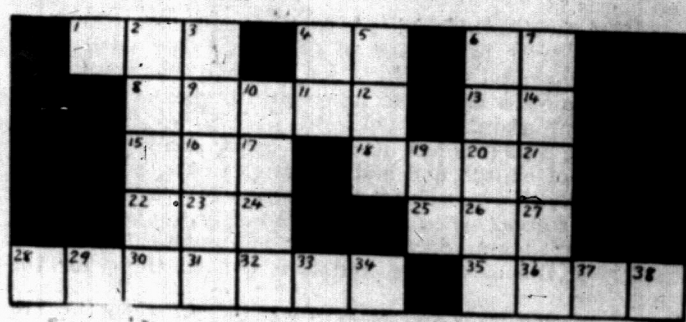
55 Associations Now Organized

The Music office has received reports from 55 Associations stating that at least a director has been elected. There are now 76 Associations in the state and we feel that many of these Associations have selected directors who have not reported this information to the Music office. You can help us a great deal by sending this information to us immediately. Please list all officers that have been selected up to date.

INSTRUCTIONS

To solve the puzzles, fill in the missing words in the Scripture clues. Under each letter of these words you will find a number. Write each letter in the square in the diagram which contains the same number as the letter. When you have written all the letters in their proper places, you will be able to read a memory verse of Scripture. (Answers may be found on another page.)

The Scripture references are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

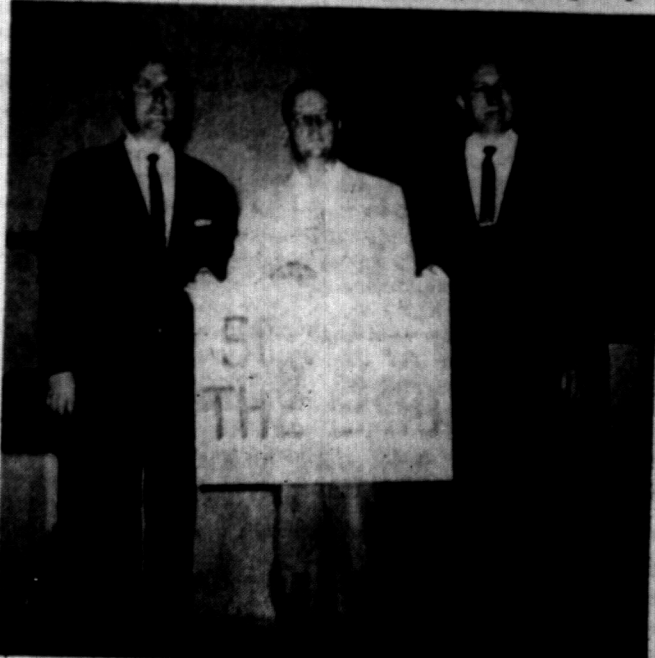


A CALL TO ACTION

Number 10

1. Except a corn of ——— fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: (John 12:24)
2. And gavest them ——— from heaven for their hunger, (Neh. 9:15)
3. And thou shalt ——— to many nations, (Deut. 15:6)
4. I have set before thee an open ———, and no man can shut it; (Rev. 3:8)
5. God called unto him out of the midst of the ——— (Ex. 3:4)
6. And a man's ——— shall be they of his own household. (Matt. 10:36)
7. The ——— is not satisfied with seeing, (Eccl. 1:8)
8. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to ——— you, (I Pet. 4:12)
9. Ye are of this world; I am ——— of this world. (John 8:23)
10. He shall not fail ——— be discouraged, (Isa. 42:4)

Tippah 'M' Night Observed At Ripley



Picaune To Give 44.7% of Budget To Mission Causes

Victory Day was observed at the First Church, Picaune, on December 2. The date had been set as the time to have the \$70,000.00 church budget for 1957 completely subscribed. During the morning worship hour, the pastor, Dr. John R. Maddox, announced that the budget had been over subscribed, and to date the amount has reached \$2,000.00 over the proposed budget.

This budget is \$9,387.00 more than last year's budget, and six years ago the budget was \$32,714.00. Of the 1957 budget, 44.7% will go to mission causes.

The speaker for Tippah County "M" night, observed in First Church, Ripley, was Rev. DeWayne Whitman, pastor of Palmer Church. Mr. Whitman is pictured above, left, with Dan Skilton, center, Director of the Tippah Association Training Union, and Rev. Lester E. Jones, Superintendent of Missions for the County. These men are shown holding the banner bearing the theme of the "M" Night program.

Rev. DeWayne Whitman is a special day student of Blue Mountain College while he serves as pastor of the Palmer Church. Rev. Lester E. Jones is a 1956 graduate of Blue Mountain College. Mr. Skilton is an Alumnus of Mississippi College.



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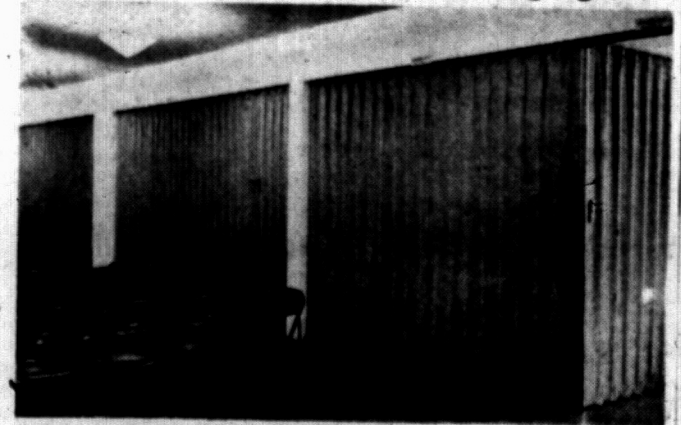
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IMPORTANT DATE — SIGNIFICANT MEETING

By George W. Schroeder

Southern Baptist men have an important date to remember because it is the time when they will gather in a significant meeting. The date, September 18-20, 1957, the meeting, First National Conference of Southern Baptist Men; the place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This National Conference of Southern Baptist Men could well prove to be one of the most significant meetings ever held in Southern Baptist life. It has possibilities for Christ that are unlimited. It could be instrumental in causing thousands of men to return to their respective churches with their hearts on fire for the Master. It could set in motion a new interest and enthusiasm among the men of the thousands of Southern Baptist churches in world missions. It could cause men to have a new understanding of their obligations to boys, especially to Royal Ambassadors. It could cause the men to realize as never before that the denominational program of work as promoted by Southern Baptists and supported through the Cooperative

Program is but the program of their own church as it seeks to witness for Christ to all people everywhere. Finally, and by no means less important, it could cause the men to realize as never before that Southern Baptists have a glorious heritage, one that deserves to be protected and perpetuated that the future generations may receive the blessings inherent in it.

Truly Southern Baptist men face a significant meeting. This National Conference is in reality a date with history. It could be the point of departure for the accomplishing of great and glorious things for the Master. It can be such a meeting if the 8,000-10,000 men who will attend will make their way to Oklahoma City with the prayer on their hearts that Christ and His church will be magnified and glorified by every personality who will participate on the program.

Say what you will, September 18-20, 1957, is an important date, and this first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men will be a significant meeting. Surely you will want to attend with some of the men of your church. Why not plan to do so? —Brotherhood Journal.

EDITORIALS

Revolutions Begin Small

For the most part, revolutionary changes in human society have insignificant looking beginnings.

A little over a half-century ago one of those history-making events occurred. On December 17, 1903, rising from the base of Kill Devil Hill, four miles south of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville Wright flew 120 feet in twelve seconds for the first successful flight of man in a heavier-than-air propelled airplane.

These few years since have been the most rapid and fantastic developments in transportation in all the countless ages of life on our planet. The Air Force has operational planes that fly 1,500 miles per hour. Rockets being prepared for the launching of a space satellite during the forthcoming Geophysical Year will reach speeds in excess of 15,000 miles per hour.

From that little experiment on the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk has come one of the greatest changes in human history.

In the year 749 A. U. C. (from the founding of Rome) the birth of a child in the obscure village of Bethlehem, Judea caused little commotion even in the immediate neighborhood.

These centuries since that time, however, have given the human family time to re-appraise the significance of that quiet event in Bethlehem. We are beginning to understand why Isaiah said "... His name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'."

The Christmas season, this yearly celebration of Jesus' birth, marks the beginning of a revolution in human affairs. This Christmastide likewise calls our attention to the unfinished work of that revolution. It presents a fresh challenge to loyalty in the service of His kingdom. May there be a new brightness and hope in your life during these holy and sacred holidays.

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Deadline On Social Security

In 1954 the national congress revised Social Security laws to permit ministers to participate in the program. To avoid church-state involvements the laws provide that the minister who desires such can be covered on a "self-employed" basis.

The time for a decision is running out. Men who were ministers prior to January 1, 1955 have only until April 15, 1957 to make their application. Beyond that point there will be no other chance to become a member of the Social Security program.

There is no problem of Baptist polity involved here, no question of church and state entanglements, no violation of the Christian conscience. Clergymen of every denomination got a break when the Social Security Act was amended to admit them. Social Security is a good thing for the rank and file of citizens and it is a good thing for the preacher.

No preacher is required to join Social Security, but every man owes it to himself and his family to study the matter carefully while there is still freedom to make a choice.

Those seeking further information should inquire at a local post office or through the Social Security Administration, 519 Yazoo St., Jackson, Mississippi.

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Three Billion Dollars Into the Treasury

Gifts for religious purposes by American people in 1955 amounted to the staggering total of \$3,120,878,358.00. That amount would have bought out—lock, stock, and barrel—the entire territory of first century Palestine, from Dan to Beersheba.

Reporting this total, the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsellors points out that this sum represents a ten per cent increase over giving in the previous year.

The National Council of Churches states that Protestant giving in 1955 amounted to \$1,842,592,260 while all other religious giving is estimated at \$1,278,286,098.

Assets of religious organizations in the United States are expected to step up by more than \$600,000,000 in 1956. Religious News Service reports that one-fifth of all religious giving is going into the construction or rehabilitation of church buildings.

These astronomical totals bring to mind the scene of Jesus sitting in the temple, observing "how the people cast money into the treasury." One wonder what He would say upon being handed this ten-digit report on American stewardship of its wealth. Big and boastful as it may appear, this—our best record thus far—is only about one per cent of our national income for the year.

On the heavenly ledger there are doubtless many reports with far less digits that far outweigh our record for 1955. Presently another year will have slipped into history. There are two more Sundays for each of us to catch up on our support of the Lord's work for the year.

Especially at this Yuletide season we recall that Jesus measured the gifts at the temple, not so much by the amount given, but by the amount remaining after the gift. Individually, our 1956 gifts throughout churches will be lost in the tremendous scope of national totals. Not so with the divine records, and these are the books that need to be balanced.

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Texas Baptists Oppose SBC Proposed Miami Hospital

DAALAS (BP) — The executive board, Baptist General Convention of Texas, has voiced opposition to a proposed \$3 million Southern Baptist Convention hospital at Miami, Fla.

The board said such hospitals should be owned and operated by state conventions and local associations of churches, and not by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The SBC gave its first approval to the proposed hospital—possibly two hospitals under single management—at its last meeting in Kansas City. Two votes are required with the second expected at the 1957 Convention in Chicago.

The Southern Baptist Convention once established a hospital at San Antonio, Tex. This was in 1946 on recommendation of the SBC Hospital Commission. After a few years however the

hospital was transferred to the Baptist General Convention of Texas for control.

Policy Cited

Shortly thereafter, at the 1949 Convention in Oklahoma City, Southern Baptists set a policy that "Hospitals should be owned and operated by state conventions and local associations rather than ... by the Southern Baptist Convention."

The SBC has voted differently in its 1955 and 1956 Conventions. In 1955, it approved a proposed large teaching hospital near Los Angeles, Calif. That proposal never came up for a second vote because Californians could not provide a site for the hospital and a substantial cash "down payment."

Miami Baptist Association recently announced plans for a city-wide campaign to raise funds for the proposed hospital or hospitals.



17TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

Pages From The Past

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago
Elder T. C. Schilling read a paper titled "Reminiscences" at the 1906 session of the Old Mississippi Baptist Association from which the following statement is taken, "It is learned incidentally through the Rev. Mr. Shaw, a Presbyterian minister, that Richard Curtis Jr. (first Baptist minister on Mississippi soil) spent a night once at the home of Mr. Shaw's grandfather; that he held service with the family, and for this Curtis was imprisoned two weeks."

40 Years Ago
Nothing newsworthy, except:
Bill — "There are lots of girls who don't want to get married."
Mary — "How do you know?"
Bill — "I've asked them."

25 Years Ago
The Hernando Baptist Church re-elected Prof. Hugh Foster superintendent of the Sunday School for the thirty-eighth consecutive time; of whom it is said that "the longer he serves the better he gets."

"It is said that last year 'Student Night' at Christmas time was observed by more churches in Mississippi than in any other states."

A unique series of subjects were discussed at chapel services at Mississippi Woman's College (William Carey) recently on the general subject of "Charm," particularly for young women. This was the idea of the president of student government and the student secretary. And "Charm Week" came to a close with a style parade on Saturday, exhibiting correct dress for every occasion.

Another for lack of fitting note:

Sam — "How long in jail for, Mose?"
Mose — "Two weeks."
Sam — "What am de cha'ge?"
Mose — "No cha'ge, everything am free."—Exchange

Refugees From Hungary Join Texas Church

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)—The husband and wife of one of the first Hungarian refugee families to arrive in the southwest recently became members of the Trinity Baptist church here.

The family, Mr. and Mrs. Menyhert Mikolas and their three children, were sponsored as refugees by Trinity Church. The congregation arranged for their transportation from Camp Kilmer, N. J., to San Antonio. It also provided housing and will assist the former Budapest merchant in securing suitable employment.

W. Stuart McBirnie, pastor, said the Mikolas family had been active in a Budapest Baptist church. The husband and wife were accepted into the Southern Baptist congregation on statement since securing a

PROTESTANT MINISTER ACTIVE SINCE RELEASE FROM PRISON

BEDFORD, England, January, 1975 — (BP) — John Bunyan,

the Protestant minister who spent twelve years in Bedford jail without benefit of a jury trial, is now making the most of his freedom. He was released about three years ago.

Immediately upon his release, the indefatigable preacher set about to organize the Bedfordshire district for Protestantism. When he applied for his own license to preach again in May, 1672, Bunyan also applied for licenses for an additional twenty-five preachers.

Bunyan and his followers have organized thirty or more meeting places in this area, nineteen of them in Bedfordshire, and the impact of their preaching is being felt over a wide area. The former prisoner evidently is attempting to make up for the long period he spent behind bars.

A man of tireless energy, Bunyan was not idle even while in jail, however. His febrile activity now is merely a continuation of his work while in prison. At Bedford jail the preacher made and sold tagged laces to support his wife and family, and also managed to have many of his writings published. In addition, he preached to fellow prisoners, winning many converts.

"The Protestant leader was freed from jail by the Declaration of Indulgence issued by His Majesty King Charles II in 1672. Bunyan was arrested in 1660 for conducting a "treasonable" meeting, although no evidence was produced that he was not in a peaceful religious meeting as he insisted. A group of justices arbitrarily sentenced Bunyan to three months' imprisonment on the grounds that his admission that he was in the meeting was evidence of guilt. For twelve years law enforcement officers refused to release the prisoner because he would not agree to quit preaching.

Even now there is a threat to Bunyan's freedom. The king's Declaration of Indulgence is far from popular among dissenters, who, paradoxically, stand to benefit most from it. They are convinced that the real purpose of the declaration is to win tolerance and predominance for the Catholics, whom His Majesty favors.

In a recent debate in Parliament, a prominent dissenter made the following widely-supported statement concerning the king's declaration:

"I am a Dissenter, and therefore by unhappily obnoxious to the law. The law against Dissenters I should be glad to see repealed by the same authority that made it. But while it is law, the king cannot repeal it by proclamation. I had much rather see the dissenters suffer by the rigor of the law, though I suffer with them, than to see all of the laws of England trampled under the foot of the prerogative, as in this example."

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church letter would be impossible.

Mikolas' father is a Baptist minister in Hungary.

Changes Among The Churches

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and Accepted:
J. W. Burrows, First, Westville, Okla.

Harold Watson, First, Peacock, Texas.

M. T. Buford, Lynn Ave. Mission, Oklahoma City, from Barnes Mission.

David Hearne, Public Relations, State Convention of Oklahoma, from Trinity Church, Oklahoma City.

H. H. Gregory, Ideal, Ga. John M. Sykes, First, Statesville, N. C. from First, Cookeville, Tenn.

Marvin Cash, Calhoun Falls, South Carolina.

W. W. Rhody, First, Southern Baptist Church, Richmond, Ind. Ronald W. Prince, First, Paris, Texas, from Cleburne, Tex.

Kenneth Cantrell, Henrietta, Texas, from Anna, Texas.

M. F. Cox, Comanche, Texas, from Brownwood, Texas.

Waller M. Bartels, Second, Marshall, Texas, from Lancaster, Texas.

Lee Porter, First, Gign Rose, Texas, from Southwestern Seminary.

James R. Best, Nome, Texas. Joe Denton, DeKalb, Texas, from Tipton.

J. L. Carmen, Shiloh, Wylie, Texas, from Russell, Okla.

Joseph L. Mayes, First, Yuma, Arizona from University Center, Seattle, Arizona.

O. C. Anderson, East Stone Gap, Va. from Highsplit, Ky.

Sonny Hays, Switzerland Church, Vevey, Ind. from Anchorage, Ky. (Pleasant Grove).

W. H. Chaplain, Calvary, Paul's Valley, Okla., from Nashville, Tenn.

Miles E. Wisner, Southwest, Idabel, Okla. from Crossroads Mission, Hugo, Okla.

Harry Boydston, Sunnyside, Oklahoma City, from Noble, Oklahoma.

Reid V. Kidd, Platter, Okla. Herman Ihley, S. S. Dept., North Carolina, from First Al-berton, Ga.

Nigeria

Christmas Greetings from Nigeria!

It is difficult for us to realize that it is nearing the Christmas season when it is so terribly hot!

This past week was a busy one for us. We had a number of visitors in our Association for a W. M. U. emphasis week.

A whole day was given to each group of women. On the first day there were 75 present. When we drove to the church, the women had all gathered out front and welcomed us with singing, dancing and clapping in true African style.

The highlight of the day was the reading class. Mrs. Ayorinde was trying to show them that it was possible for them to learn to read even though some of them feel that they are too old. We had books which had been prepared for teaching adult reading. She took a group to the front made up of those who could not read. In a matter of minutes she had them recognizing 'a', 'b', 'ba' and 'baba'. Then she let them write the letters on the board. Then she divided all of them into groups and a woman who could read took one group outside where they wrote on the ground with a stick making their letters and words. This was their first reading lesson. This year we hope to have a reading class in every church. I think it will be a thrill to open up a completely new world to these women who have gone so long without the ability to read. We felt that it was a very profitable week in our women's work. We wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In His Service,
The Mayhalls,
David, Ollie, Ann, Janet and Ellen)

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Script Contest For Television

A Television Script Writing Contest is now being conducted by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Any Southern Baptist is eligible to enter and any number of plots can be submitted. Deadline for mailing entries is March 30, 1957.

Purpose of the contest is to capitalize on the ideas and experiences of Southern Baptists as they can be used to illustrate specific New Testament teachings. Literary skill or technical experience is not needed. Just write a story as if it were being told to a friend.

Winner of the contest will be given a prize in money, his or her name will appear in the screen credits on the film if it is used.

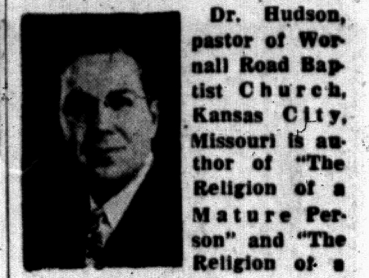
For further information regarding the rules of the contest and for detailed suggestions, write:

TV Script Contest
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Fort Worth 16, Texas.



Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

(Author of the new book FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY which may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.)

PAGAN CHRISTMAS

QUESTION: Why is it that there is so much emphasis on Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and so on, instead of the real meaning of Christmas? It seems to me that we have about forgotten that it is the celebration of the birth of Christ.

ANSWER: You are exactly right. Christmas is for many people a time of drinking, eating, swapping presents, and generally forgetting God.

For example, right here in Kansas City a woman was standing outside a store window looking at a beautiful manger scene. She was overheard to say, "Well I declare; just look at that. It looks as if religion is just crowding Christmas clear out of everything. No Santa Claus nor nothing in there. Religion is sure crowding Christmas out."

On the other hand, millions of Christians are really thinking about our wonderful Saviour at this season! Many will read the second chapter of Luke again. Several million Baptists will make sacrifice gifts to the Lotie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. Others will send relief to the people of Hungary.

What is happening is that Christians are getting more Christian and pagans are getting more pagan.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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Calendar of Prayer

December 24 — Auber J. Wilds, Approved State Worker, Training Union Department; Mrs. W. B. Halliday, State W. M. U. Recording Secretary.

December 25 — Frank Horton, BSU Director, Mississippi College; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Superintendent of Missions, Northeast Area.

December 26 — Mrs. Leon Eubanks, William Carey College faculty; Allen Leroy Tigrett, Blue Mountain College faculty.

December 27 — BSU World Missions Conference, Nashville; Pat Gullledge, Grenada Association Sunday School Superintendent.

December 28 — Alexine Gibson, Baptist Building; Altie Grubb, Baptist Building.

December 29 — W. L. McMullan, Trustee, Clarke College; A. Sidney Johnston, Board of Ministerial Education.

December 30 — Eugene Crawford, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; Kermit Canterbury, Social Service Commission.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. E. J. Murphy, Mrs. V. H. Blumbert, Indianapolis; W. C. Sullivan, Vicksburg; Randy Fields, Jackson, Rev. Arlis E. Smith, Benton; James Richardson, Harrison; William Jeffreys, Robert D. Collins, David Collins, Danny Griffith, Andrew Roe, Jerome Madison, Jerry Buckles, Henry Griffith, W. D. Buckles, Woodson Buckles, Jr., Fayette; James E. Smith, Clinton; W. M. Averett, Richton; Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; G. C. Samsing, Columbus.

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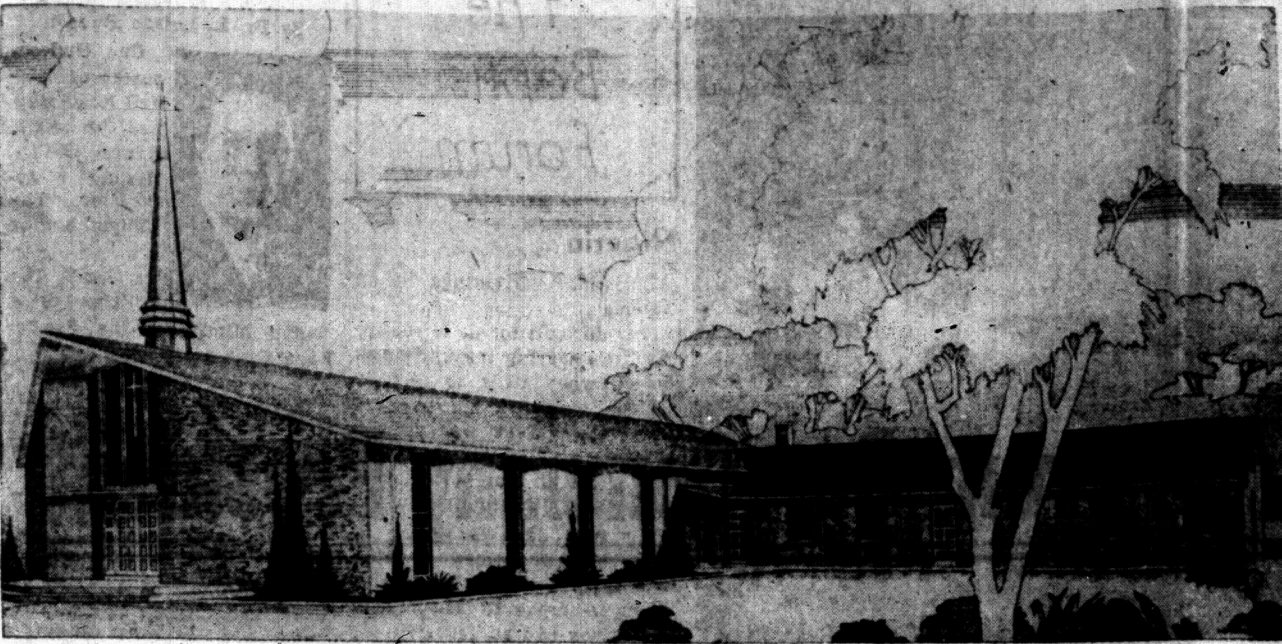
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Macon Calvary Church Begins Construction on New Building



Architects drawing of Calvary Church now under construction at Macon. The entire building is to be summer and winter air conditioned with auditorium seating capacity of 425. Total completed cost is expected to be \$96,000. Macon Calvary Church is a newly-organized church in Macon and was admitted to the Noxubee County Association this past meeting. Rev. Pete Steelman is pastor. There are two Calvary churches in Noxubee Association. The other is located near Shuquak.

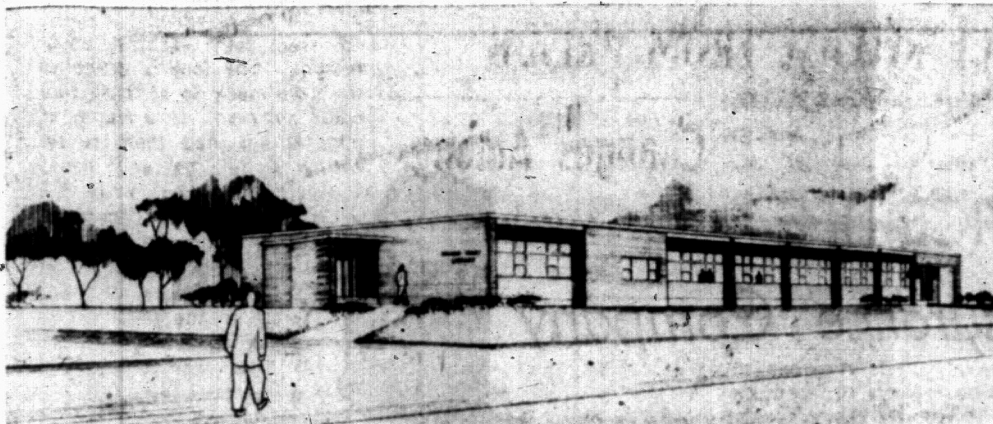
Ingram Urges Use Public Opinion Polls

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS) — A Southern Baptist official, in an address here, advocated the use by churches of public opinion polls to determine reaction to their programs.

Dr. Harold Ingraham, head of the service division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said scientific testing of the attitudes of church members and the general public toward a church project would aid in effective promotion.

He spoke at the semi-annual meeting of the 100-member promotion committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Architect's Drawing of I. E. Rouse Library



Shown above is an architect's drawing of the new library building at William Carey College for which ground was broken at the college on Friday of last week in connection with the inauguration of President J. Ralph Noonkester.

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Church Paid For By Air Force Dedicated

ITHACA, O. (RNS) — Dedication ceremonies were held here for a church that was donated by the U. S. Air Force after a freak airplane accident destroyed the old edifice.

The rites marked completion of the modernistic Ithaca, Evangelical United Brethren building. The former church burned April 13, 1954, when it was struck by a high-octane fuel tank dropped 6,000 feet from an F-51 fighter plane.

Through special Congressional action, the Air Force appropriated \$112,500 for a new church. At that time the judge advocate general's office in Washington reported it was the first peacetime accident in which an aircraft had demolished a church or charitable institution.

Growth Requires More Workers

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's program to establish 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964 will increase the demand for pastors and church workers, members of the Convention Executive Committee learned at their meeting here recently.

Allen W. Graves, dean of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., described the need for denominational workers. He is chairman of the Convention's committee on Christian vocations.

The committee on Christian vocations recommended that tracts and other literature be published to tell young people about Christian vocations. Church libraries were asked to expand their shelves on vocations.

"We found that one of the most serious problems was the lack of information on the part of young people, their parents, and church leaders about the nature of a divine call, the needs and qualifications for service in church-related vocations," Graves reported for the committee.

"We found a serious lack of guidance materials," he added. The committee on Christian vocations asked the Baptist Sunday School Board to consider employing a staff member to serve in the field of church-related vocations.

It also wants the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention meeting May 28 in Chicago to continue the life of the committee for another year. This, according to Graves, will permit the committee "to complete its study and

BLUE MOUNTAIN STRING ENSEMBLE FILLS NUMEROUS ENGAGEMENTS



On the first Sunday evening of each month the Blue Mountain String Ensemble plays for the entire worship service at Lowrey Memorial Church, Rev. J. N. Triplett, pastor.

This Ensemble has filled many engagements to play before congregations in various sections of Mississippi. Recently they furnished special music for Tippah County "M" Night. Their director is Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler of the Bible Department of Blue Mountain College. With two exceptions, all of these young women are local students of Blue Mountain College; the other two are students of Blue Mountain High School.

Members of the String Ensemble, seated, left to right, are: Jo Ann Nance, Cello; Delia Wells, Cello; Louise Buchanan, Viola; Carol Tyler, Violin; Nancy Buchanan, Violin. Standing is Nine Smith, Memphis, accompanist for the Ensemble.

U. S. Churches Send \$2,000,000 In Relief For Hungry Victims

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 14 — Approximately \$2,000,000 in emergency relief for victims of the Hungarian fight for freedom already has been utilized or made available by Protestant churches in America.

This was reported today by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service and a member of The President's newly appointed Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief. Church World Service is the cooperative overseas relief agency of Major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, with offices at 215 Fourth Avenue, New York-3, N. Y.

Most of the Relief given to date has been food, clothing, and medical supplies, the major portion used to aid the Hungarian refugees pouring into Austria.

CALENDAR ARTISTS VOTE SCHWEITZER 'WORLD'S MOST INTERESTING FACE'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS) — America's top calendar artists agreed here that Dr. Albert Schweitzer, noted medical missionary, has the "most interesting face in the world."

Runnersup were President Eisenhower; Arturo Toscanini, symphony conductor, and Frank to assist in establishing the proposed program.

Lloyd Wright, architect, Marilyn Monroe, the film actress, was near the bottom of the list. The artists' poll took place during the diamond jubilee sales convention of Brown & Bigelow, world's largest makers of calendars.

BR — "On A Tombstone: Here lies my wife—and for the best. Because—it gives us both a rest!"

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For December 23
THE WORLD BECAME FLESH
Bible Texas: John 1:1-18; Luke 2:1-20.

I. "IN THE BEGINNING."
The first three words in our translations both of Moses and of John. In the beginning of what? Not of eternity past. Eternity had no beginning. It was an eternal now and a boundless void, and in the void, God and ever with God the Word. "The same was in the beginning with God."

Then God spoke through the Word and said, "Let there be," and at this word there became, "were made," all things that became, "were made." The creation, marks the beginning of time. Before the creation there was no time, only past eternity. How do we mark time? By days, of course! What makes a day? Our day is made by the rotation of our planet, our earth, on its axis. When our earth has spun around once, that is a day. But before our earth was created and set to spinning, there were no days in our sense of the word, no time. "In the beginning" means at the beginning of time.

II. "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD."

"And the word was with God, and the word was God." All this was written more than a thousand years before there was an English language, and the word was LOGOS. The first old Greek writer to use it, used it to mean mind, reason, intelligence. Now let us see: In the beginning was the mind, the reason, the intelligence, and the mind, the reason, the intelligence, was with God, and the reason, the mind, the intelligence was God.

Of course, you can't think of God without reason, without intelligence. "And the reason was with God," ever turning face to face with God, throughout past eternity. "And the Word was GOD. Please, brother, do not pain my heart by reading it," the Word WAS God. John is trying to tell you that the Word was of God substance, hence, "And the Word was God. This is a statement of the identity in substance of the two persons God and the Word.

III. GOD'S ORGAN OF CREATION, OR AGENT IN CREATION.

God had a thought of creation, a purpose to create. How should He express that thought, that purpose? Through the Word, how else? So creation came into being through Him. Please, now, John did not say that "All things were made by Him, but Through, by means of, Him. Oh! I know what King James says, but I also know what John wrote. John had more sense than to contradict Moses, and Moses said, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Remember? Believe Moses! God made all things, but all things were made through, by means of, the Word.

With John agrees Brother Paul (Col. 1:15-17). "All things have been created through Him and unto Him; and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." Words when used by the Almighty are used to express thought. God had a thought of a universe of "Spangled heavens, A shining frame," forever heralding His name, Forever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine." How was God to express that thought? How else than through the Word? Note how often Moses has it, "And God said, 'Let there be.' He is active and acting through, by means of, the Word.

IV. THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE AND LIGHT.

"In Him was life and the life was the light of men." In Him was life, what life? All life of every kind. He is the source from which every stream of life flows anywhere in the world. In this, old Mahavira was right, and so also Albert Schweitzer. All life is sacred in that it flows from Him.

"And the life was the light of men." The intellectual light, the moral light, the spiritual light, the ethical light, every variety of light that shines in the lives of any men anywhere. "And the light shineth" (Keeps on shining) "in the darkness, and the darkness apprehended it not. The darkness does not comprehend it, does not overcome it, does not stamp it out.

BR — They say a sharp nose indicates curiosity. Well, then a flattened one must indicate too much of it.

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MISS ALEXINE GIBSON, Associate
MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It has come Christmas time again. The years seem to pass faster than they once did; but possibly they don't. It may just seem that way.

As we approach the Christmas season, it brings to mind a little more vividly the One who came long ago and made Christmas possible. We have Christmas today because Christ once came to this earth and lived and loved and died as did no other. Were it not for Him, there would be no joyous Christmas season.

So, as we approach this time of the year once more, may it be with a deep sense of humility for all that Christ has done for us; a feeling of need because we know how far above us He is, and yet He wants us to grow more like Him; and also a greater desire to serve Him more acceptably in the days ahead.

To all people everywhere, we send warmest greetings for a Christmas that will be in keeping with the spirit and life and work of the One who gave it to us.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY A GOOD IDEA HERE

Rev. N. B. Langford, Jr., pastor of the D'Lo Baptist church, writes us of the plan five pastors in Simpson Association used this year and plan to use it in 1957 for the January Bible Study Week.

It is this: A schedule is worked out whereby each participating pastor will teach in a different church each night. Each preacher will be in his home church on Wednesday night, because that is prayer meeting night.

With this plan, a church receives the benefit of having five different teachers at no extra cost, a new tie of unity among the churches, plus a greater interest among the members of each church.

Thank you, Brother Langford, for the idea, and we are glad to pass it along for others to use.

A NEW YEAR AND NEW JUNIOR REQUIREMENTS ARE COMING!

Beginning with the first of May, 1957, we will have to adhere strictly to counting the completion of the study of HOW TO WORK WITH JUNIORS in place of JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. By that time we will have had the new administration textbook HOW TO WORK WITH JUNIORS available for study for a whole year. And how interesting it is! How thrilled you will be when you study new plans, new ways of doing things, and new reasons for doing those things in a new way! How exciting and wonderful it is to work with Juniors—you'll find out when you study HOW TO WORK WITH JUNIORS, by Lillian Moore Rice! Plan now to have a study of this book by every teacher and officer of your Junior units early in the new year, and if you do, truly yours will be a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER
No. Awards for Sept. 2,138
No. Awards to date 32,923
No. Churches to date 806
No. Associations to date 75

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES
Greenwood, First 98
Pleasant, First 87
Terry's Creek 83
Batesville, First 81
Parkway, Jackson 79
HINDS 285
Pearl River 226
Union 165
Simpson 158
Leflore 101

AWARDS FOR OCTOBER
No. Awards for October 3,044
No. Awards to date 3,044
No. Churches to date 174
No. Associations to date 51

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES
Richland 121
Highland, Meridian 113
Immanuel, Cleveland 92
Calvary, West Point 90
South Side, Meridian 87
HINDS 300
Lauderdale 329
Rankin 277
Attala 146
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Mrs. J. O. Ellett
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"Mrs. J. O. Ellett, whose name has for many years been synonymous with Baptist Training Union in this community was signally honored recently when she received the first Baptist Training Union Award of Merit to be awarded in Mississippi."

The above quote was from the "Coffeeville Courier," Mrs. J. O. Ellett's home town newspaper. We would like to add our congratulations to her for this outstanding achievement.

The Award of Merit is an award issued to a member of a department in Training Union, Junior through Adult, who completes the study course diploma for his department. Adult must complete two courses in each of the ten divisions of study course work in addition to receiving the diploma for having studied the methods book for his department, or one of the other departments if he is serving as a leader.

How does a person make application? He completes his diploma and writes to the state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530 or to the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, and requests an application blank. Then the applicant will follow the instructions on this application form.

Following is a list of the books credited to Mrs. J. O. Ellett. They are listed by division number.

- I. The Junior Leadership Manual
- Building A Church Training Program
- II. Growing A Church
- Christian Leadership
- III. The Growing Christian
- Alcohol The Destroyer
- IV. Our Bible
- Teachings of Jesus
- V. Our Doctrines
- The Baptist Faith
- VI. Building A Christian Home
- Guidance for Christian Home Life
- VII. World Within A World
- The Tribes Go Up
- VIII. The Grace of Giving
- Found Faithful
- IX. A Winning Witness
- How To Win To Christ
- X. Working Together In A Spiritual Democracy
- The Baptist People

We issue a "well done" to Mrs. Ellett and trust that in making the first application for the Award of Merit she has set an example that others in Mississippi will feel inspired to follow.

BR — Drunkenness is up 125 per cent in Sweden a year after abolishing liquor rationing, and arrests for drunkenness in the streets and homes totaled, during the year, well over 100,000, compared with just over 22,000 for the year before.

ANSWERS

PUZZLE NO. 10

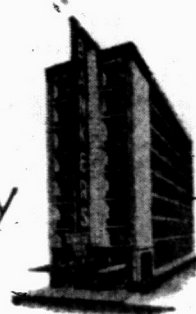
But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22)



JOE C. SCOTT
President

A Personal Message From Our Company President

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Bankers Service Life Insurance Company recently acquired the health and accident business of Life Insurance Company of Mississippi, which company has discontinued that line of coverage. We, therefore, have many more Mississippians added to our growing list of insureds as a result of this transaction. It will be our purpose to give you the best possible service, including prompt processing of claims and immediate payment. Our company has been judged by its fair dealings with the insuring public in the past, and we are prepared to stake our reputation on our future dealings with those who see fit to do business with us in Mississippi.

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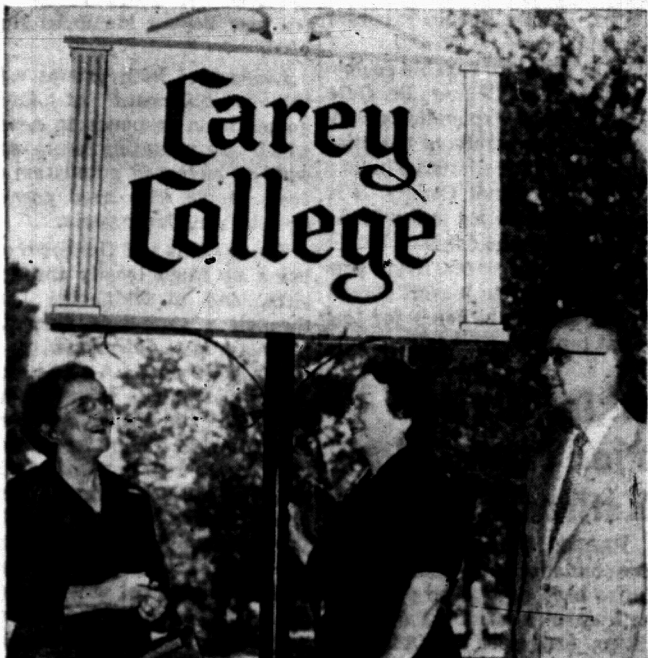
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"THIS IS YOUR LIFE" PARTY



Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, was honored by the adult union of the Clinton Baptist Church with a "This Is Your Life" Party. He was presented a car (toy model) and a purse of \$450 to be applied toward the building fund of the college. Shown with him are Mrs. Nelson, the Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor, who was the emcee and is here presenting the book on his life to the honoree, and D. Q. Byrd, president of the Roberts union of the BAU, of which Dr. Nelson is a member.

Carey College Heralds New Name



William Carey College's new name is posted on the sign erected in October. Mrs. D. C. Ware, president Forrest County Carey Alumni, and Mrs. L. H. Burkett, chairman of the committee which secured the sign, and Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, academic dean of the college, admire the new nameplate.

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SURVEY PROVIDES INTERESTING FACTS ON TENNESSEE PASTORS

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)—What is a Southern Baptist minister in Tennessee like?

Herbert J. Miles, professor of sociology at Carson-Newman College here, gives an insight into the life of a Tennessee Baptist minister when he reports results of a recent survey. The survey was made by one of his classes at the Baptist college. Miles contacted 1005 pastors in the state. After asking them a battery of questions about their places of birth, their education, their call to the ministry, their feelings on certain issues, and similar questions, he concluded:

1. They disagree on such issues as capital punishment, integration of races, and performing weddings where one party has been divorced. On the other hand they agree (90 per cent or more in each case) that Southern Baptist should not join the National Council of Churches, should not ordain women to preach, should not take part in the Lord's Supper outside a Baptist church, and should not accept by letter a non-Baptist even though he has been immersed.

2. Their differences of opinion result more from their educational background than from their ages.

3. Most Tennessee Baptist pastors come from open country and small towns, few from large cities.

Christian Background
4. Most of the ministers came from active, stable Christian homes.

Only 39 per cent of the pastors approve of racial integration in public schools. But among pastors, 29 years of age and less; 61 per cent favor integration. 73 per cent of the pastors with bachelors of divinity degrees (or even more education) approved integration in schools.

Only 3 per cent of all pastors think Southern Baptists ought to belong to the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Pastors, on the average, have 14 years' schooling (equivalent of two years in college). Rural pastors however average only a high school education while city pastors have a year at college graduate level.

70 per cent attended Baptist schools, 15 per cent state colleges. 51 per cent went to Baptist schools within Tennessee. 60 per cent have never been to the seminary, but a number of the pastors are students who will attend the seminary after finishing their college education.

The average minister is 41 years old, has been preaching 14 years, and has held five pastorates during the span.

From 1946 to 1956, the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. increased its net membership more than 23 per cent; increased church school enrollment almost 45 per cent; founded more than 550 new congregations; and reported an increase of 171 per cent in total giving. They now report a membership of 2,736,241 in 8,603 churches.

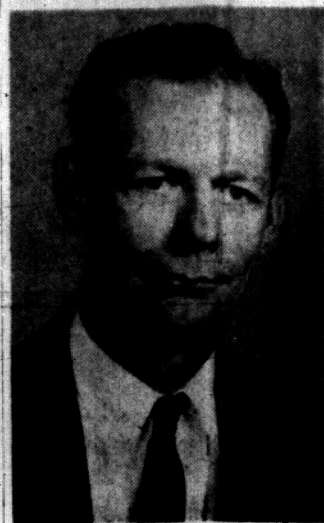
He is a native Mississippian, having been born in Brookhaven, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of the First Church, Crosby, First Church, Lumberton, Petal Harvey Church, Hattiesburg, and Calvary, Waynesboro.

Mrs. Ratcliff is the former Miss Annabel Tanner of Brookhaven and received her education at Whitworth College, Brookhaven, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Their three daughters, all graduates of Blue Mountain College, are living in Nashville. Their son, Joe, who is with them, is a junior in high school.

On Monday evening, December 10, the Ratcliff family was honored at a reception which was held at the First Church, Picayune. The entire Association served as host for the reception and old fashioned pounding.

Rev. J. E. Moak, pastor of the New Palestine Church, is chairman of the missions committee of the Association, and Dr. John R. Maddox, pastor of the First Church, Picayune, is the moderator.

Union Church (Lee) Ordains Preacher



The Union Church, Lee County, ordained Rev. Louis F. Carson to the gospel ministry Sunday, November 4. Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor of the Bissell church, acted as moderator. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Bob Posey of Houlika, and Rev. J. S. Johnson, Plantersville, delivered the charge to the candidate.

A member of the Union Church and interim pastor since last April, Mr. Carson has now accepted the pastorate there.

Under his leadership the church has already shown progress. Eight additions have been received, one revival meeting has been held, and a record VBS, conducted with an enrollment of 72. The membership of the Sunday school has increased from 45 to 67, and a Training Union has been organized.

This new T. U. won the attendance loving-cup award at "M" Night December 2, held in the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Improvements to the church's facilities have recently been completed in newly finished floors, new pews, and a new butane heating system. Plans are under way to finish three new S. S. rooms.

The ordination council were: Rev. G. L. Ford, Bissell; Rev. J. I. Berryhill, East Tupelo; Rev. J. S. Johnson, Plantersville, and five deacons of the Union Church.

Mr. Carson, a native of Lee County, will preach at the Union Church first and third Sundays, and conduct prayer meeting on Wednesday night of each week.

Three From Liberty Set One-Year Record

Three members of the Liberty Church in Winston Association set a perfect attendance record last year: Jimmie Gregory, Mrs. Roy Hopkins, and Jane Hopkins.

Since Rev. Olyn F. Roberts, New Orleans Seminary student, came to the church as pastor last May, each organization of the church has shown marked growth. The church recently purchased 100 new Baptist Hymnals.

Duck Hill Boys Display Three-Year Pins



Shown above, left to right, are John Frederick "Ricky" Swanson, 12; Allen Devere "DeVo" Lancaster, 7; and Daniel Ray "Danny" Lancaster, 4. These young men have just completed a three-year perfect attendance record in Sunday School at the Duck Hill Church. As seen here, they proudly display their service badges. "Danny" was still three when he received his award. Mrs. Gladys Lancaster, "DeVo's" mother, and Mrs. Grace Moore also received their three-year service pins. Rev. Bill Jones is pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. Billy Mabry, 1688 Gallo-way Ave., Memphis, formerly pastor at Hickory Ridge in Rankin County, is available for a pastorate in Mississippi. Twenty-six years of age, he desires to attend Mississippi College.

John Earl Seelig, director of education and promotion for the Dallas Baptist Association, has resigned to become the first associate secretary for the Baptist Training Union department, Baptist General Convention of Texas. He will begin his new duties Jan. 1.

Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, realized a 10-year goal recently when it was admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Powhatan W. James, biographer and son-in-law of the late George W. Truett, died in Dallas Dec. 11. He was 76. He was president of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., when he retired five years ago and moved to Dallas.

Rev. Reginald Wall of Decatur, Georgia has served for eight years as a southwide Baptist evangelist, during which period approximately 30,000 visible decisions for Christ have been made. Of these, 7,111 were added to church membership—1,181 in 1956. Over 1,000 young people have surrendered for special service. Mr. Wall has preached in more than 20 states.

Rev. Charles Everitt, pioneer associational missionary for the Lake Michigan Baptist Association, Indiana, requests that Mississippians who know any Southern Baptists in Indiana let him know their name and address. This might help him to start a new church or to enlist these Baptists in one of the churches that already exist. Mr. Everitt's address is Route 5, Crown Point, Indiana.

Rev. C. W. Thompson, moderator of the Jones County Association, called a special meeting of the Association on December 17 at Wildwood Church, Laurel. Pastors of the 43 churches of the association and messengers who attended the last annual meeting of the association were asked to come at the suggestion of the Jones County Ministers' Conference and the Missions Committee to plan some definite steps in starting three new missions, and to suggest ways of helping two or three churches to build or relocate.

Mrs. W. A. McComb, widow of a well-known pastor and evangelist of Mississippi and formerly President of the State W. M. U. for several years, is now a resident of La Feria, Texas. A friend of hers writes that she is in poor health and that letters, cards and greetings from friends in Mississippi would bring much sunshine and cheer into her life. Her address is Box 32, LaFeria, Texas. While living in Clinton, Mrs. McComb did a great deal to help young preachers and their wives.

Rev. Tom Douglas, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, was elected President of the Northeast Pastors' Conference at its meeting at Walnut on December 10. He succeeds Rev. Al Collins of Booneville. Other officers elected were: Vice-president: H. B. Nail, Smithville; Secretary-treasurer: J. T. Hannaford, Tupelo; Program committee: Frank Roblin, Priceville, chairman; Dick Adkinson, Verona; and Gerald Ford, Bissell. The program personnel were Rev. Lawrence Riley, Mrs. J. H. Ware, Mrs. Roy McGlamery, and Rev. W. L. Day.

REV. MAYO BROWN, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church in Holmes County for the past 15 months, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Ethel Church, Attala County. Mr. Brown is a native of Copiah County, is a 1949 graduate of Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Seminary. Previous pastorates were Center Ridge in Yazoo County and Summerland in Jones County. His first sermon at the Ethel Church will be December 30.

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

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A TEACHING HELP for each age group book is available from the Book Stores at 15c each. (The Junior and Primary teaching helps are combined.)

Book titles and authors in the 1957 series are: Adults, Home Missions: USA by Courts Redford; Young People, Twentieth Century Pioneers by W. F. Howard; Intermediates, The Trial of Hechin' Feet by Hazel and Sam Mayo Juniors, It's Your Turn by Margaret Kime Eubanks; Primaries, New Friends for Freddy by Louise Berge.

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Oakland Heights 291 163
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Neshoba 93 75
New Albany, First 767 245
Main 703 303
Northside Mission 64 42
New Sight (Lincoln) 132 69
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ton Road 42 23
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MORE MORE

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Antioch (Simpson) 74 07
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Cleveland, Immanuel 188 185
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Fairview 140 77
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Crystal Springs, First 633 266
Durant, First 297 123
Eastside Mission 38 00
Furrs (Pontotoc) 85 40
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Main 398 192
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Twenty-one Southern Baptist colleges have reported record fall enrollments. Total enrollment for senior colleges is 38,933, which includes 9,205 in extension classes, etc. Total enrollment for junior colleges is 7,890, including 581 in extension classes, etc.

Miss Weatherford Sets 10-Year Record



Shown above is Rev. Charles Holifield, pastor of the Rawls Springs Church, Lebanon Association, presenting a Bible to Miss Voncile Weatherford for her ten-year record of perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Shown also are Ross Kahler, who has not missed Sunday School for six years, his younger brother, Ray Kahler, with a perfect record for five years; and Gary Sennett, who has been present every Sunday for one year.

(Since the above picture was taken, Mr. Holifield has been called as pastor of Calvary Church, Waynesboro.)

Million-Dollar Month Boosts Missions Work

NASHVILLE (BP) — Another million-dollar month for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program boosted the denomination's support of its home and foreign missions program.

Treasurer Porter Routh said November Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,187,137. These were shared by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with the Foreign Mission Board getting 75 per cent.

Total November giving to Southern Baptist Convention work reached \$1,222,148. This included also specially designated offerings. It did not, however, include any money given by Baptists to carry on their local church programs and their state organizations' work.

The Southern Baptist Convention entered the advance portion of its 1956 budget early in October when Cooperative Program gifts passed \$10 million. Entering the advance portion of the budget ends distribution of funds to all agencies except the mission boards.

To date, the two mission agencies have received \$2,075,769 out of advance program funds. This compares with \$1,410,489 at the same time last year.

Cooperative Program receipts for November, 1955, were \$856,116 and total giving to Southern Baptist Convention work was \$963,788.

Mississippi contributed \$73,825 during November, 1956 to the Cooperative Program and \$6,544 for designated purposes. This was a total of \$80,369. It placed the state fifth among states affiliated with the SBC.

Israel Scientists Complete Surveys

JERUSALEM (RNS) — Extensive surveys tending to support the modern theory that Moses took a northern route through the Sinai Peninsula on his way to the Promised Land have been completed by two teams of Israeli scientists.

One team, consisting of archeologists, historians, philologists and geographers of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, returned here from a week's exploration of the famous Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

The other team, made up of archeologists of the Israeli Department of Antiquities, was back after investigating ruins in the Oasis of Kadesh Barnea, near the Israeli-Egyptian border north of Sinai, where the Twelve Tribes rested 40 years.

At St. Catherine's the scientists scrutinized and photographed manuscripts dating from the sixth century onwards. Examination of the monastery buildings disclosed remains of a basilical church built by the Emperor Justinian in the fourth century, with only a chapel of the Burning Bush — a Crusader addition — still substantially intact.

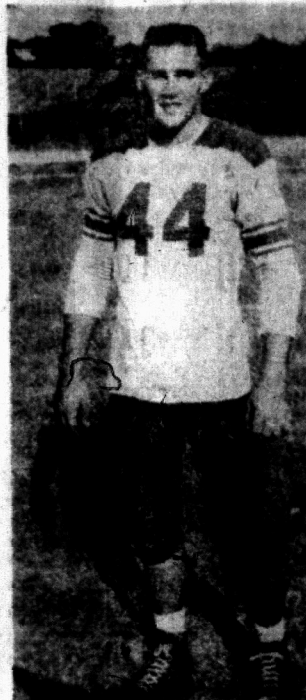
The monastery was found standing on a Justinianic foundation on which were superimposed structures of the Crusader, Napoleonic and late 19th century periods.

The geographers surveyed a granite area between the monastery and the south Sinai coast.

The archeologists examined the ruins of a large fortified settlement at Wadi Feiran in ancient Paran, northwest of St. Catherine's. Paran, which reached its prime in the Byzantine period, was inhabited from the middle of the Iron Age to the early Arab period.

The scholars, headed by Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University, reported they had found absolutely no remains of a middle Bronze Age claimed to have been contemporary with the Jewish exodus from Egypt.

Co-Lin Football Star Is B. S. U. President



Coney Burgess

Shown above is Coney Burgess of Brookhaven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coney Burgess, Sr., who is president of the Baptist Student Union at Co-Lin Junior College at Wesson.

Coney was unanimously selected by a poll of Junior College coaches to the All State football team this season. He was one of the four ends to join the "East" team which met the "West" team in the Junior College classic played in Jackson on Friday night, December 14.

A major in Agriculture, Coney is quite active in religious functions on the campus.

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MENLO, Calif. — A group of Jehovah's Witnesses brought suit in California Superior court at nearby Redwood City to compel the city council here to permit construction of a church in Menlo Park. They charged the councilmen had "capriciously" denied them freedom of worship.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT it cost more to educate a student than the student is charged? That the student pays only about one-half of the total cost?

QUARLES' QUOTES

From The Office Of The Executive Secretary-Treasurer



laymen and pastors who have the holy compunction to do everything humanly possible to extend the work of our Lord.

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MEADOWS: The genial pastor of the Quitman Baptist Church, Rev. W. L. Meadows, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at the recent December meeting. He has served Mississippi Baptists in many ways. He has served Quitman Baptists for approximately twenty-two years. If that is not the longest pastorate in Mississippi, it is one of the longest. Brother Meadows takes every assignment seriously and gives his best attention and effort.

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NEWTON: There is a very interesting page written for the Christian Index (Georgia Baptist paper) by Dr. Louie D. Newton entitled "This Changing World." In a recent issue he discussed the problem of beverage alcohol. He says "Call it by all the perfumed names you will, I submit that the government that licenses the manufacture, distribution and sale of beer, potent wine, and whisky is particeps criminis in all the frightening woes that follow—that society is responsible for the murder on our highways, where drunkenness is involved and they tell us that a majority of the highway mishaps are due to drunken driving. We read of drunken fathers mauling helpless children to death. Murder we say. But who is responsible? It is enough to bend us, everyone, to our knees, begging forgiveness of God." Dr. Newton concludes another paragraph

with, "As long as I have breath in my body, I intend to work for decent conditions for our youth." Sounds like he is just the man we should have to speak to our state convention on Civic Righteousness. We must not grow lax in our defense against the sin and tragedy of drinking.

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NASHVILLE: Attending the joint promotion conference and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention last week were Dr. S. R. Woodson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. W. L. Meadows, president of the Convention Board; and Rev. Deb Stennis, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in addition to Dr. Douglas Hudgins and Mr. Purser Hewitt, Mississippi members of the Executive Committee. Dr. Joe T. Odle, Dr. W. C. Fields, Mr. Tom Chaney, superintendent of Hinds County Missions, and I were there also to tell of the development of the Church Finance Program in our state.

ODLE: With the capable co-operation of Tom Chaney, Dr. Odle has produced a splendid presentation of the results of the pilot program of the Church Finance Program in Hinds County. It is on tape and slides and will be presented in the January World Mission Conferences. Every pastor and church leader should attend so as to be ready for this great program next fall.

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Okla. Groups Plan Homes For Retired Groups

PERRY, Okla. (RNS) — Two denominational groups in Oklahoma have announced plans for retirement homes at Perry and Hugo, and later at Oklahoma City.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has started a "Golden Age" home at Hugo on a 65-acre site donated by a fam-

Burrell In Revival Immanuel, V'burg



A weekend revival, December 28, 29, and 30, Immanuel Church, Vicksburg will be conducted by Rev. Walter Burrell, a senior ministerial student at Mississippi College. Rev. Tom Rayburn is the pastor.

ily there. The project, to cost around \$150,000 when completed, is the first of two such homes being planned in the state. A site has been provided for the second home at Oklahoma City adjacent to a projected new Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Leaders of both groups said the establishment of these homes is in response to needs which are mounting every day with an increased population of aged people who need special care in their later years.

The Baptists will finance their home at Hugo locally through gifts, and at Oklahoma City through a state-wide financial project and endowments.

The Oklahoma - Arkansas Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. approved a location in Perry for a one-story brick building to cost around \$175,000 to provide residence homes for aged people. Presbyterian Homes, Inc., composed of ministers and laymen in the two states, will finance the project by gifts and endowments on the site provided by Perry residents.

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The Old Timer remembers when charity was a virtue instead of an industry.

Jordan Student Expresses Gratitude



John 3:16
هكذا أحب الله العالم حتى بذل ابنه الوحيد لكي لا يهلك كل من يؤمن به بل تكون له الحياة الابدية

SBC Leaders To Meet Canadian Baptists In Talks

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention leaders and Canadian Baptist leaders will meet in the near future to discuss Southern Baptist home mission work in Canada.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be represented by five from its Executive Committee and a group from the Baptist Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board.

W. J. McDonald, general secretary of Baptist Union of Western Canada; T. B. McDormand, general secretary-treasurer of Baptist Convention of Ontario, Quebec, and Jack McKay, Edmonton, Alta., pastor, will represent Canadian Baptists.

The present home missions policy of Southern Baptists is to have no missions workers in Canada.

Federal Judge Frank Hooper, Atlanta, chairman of the Executive Committee, will appoint the Executive Committee representatives. He will also appoint two other groups to represent the Executive Committee in other matters.

Stone Age Burial Ground Found In Holy Land

JERUSALEM (RNS) — A unique Stone Age burial ground has been discovered by French archeologist Jean Perrot at Malhaha near Lake Huleh about 15 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. He made the discovery while conducting excavations on behalf of the Israeli Department of Antiquities.

The ancient cemetery belonged to the Natufian hunting-fishing civilization of the Mesolithic culture. While isolated Natufian tombs have been found before, this is the first instance of a Natufian burial ground being unearthed.

The cemetery grounds a chief's tomb which consists of a circular pit about 16 1/2 feet in diameter. The walls are of solid clay covered with red ochre. The pit is covered by a circular stone pavement surmounted by a low wall. Inside the pit is a second pavement, about 20 inches below the surface, with a fireplace. Under this pavement seven skeletons were found, each wearing shell and bone necklaces.

The skeleton of the chief was found lying on its back in the center. The hipbones had been extracted, the feet tied, and large stones placed on the shoulders—all apparently to immobilize the spirit of the dead chief. The general disposition of the tomb indicates that several women and children were sacrificed when the chief was buried. Near the central tomb are many shallow pits literally choked with bones.

The monumental tomb-one of the oldest, if not the oldest, man-built existing, and weighing one and a half tons—has been removed to Jerusalem for investigation by the Department of Antiquities.

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Just since 1950, family costs have gone up as follows: food, 11.3 per cent; clothing, 9.2 per cent; housing, 15.7 per cent; transportation, 14.8 per cent; medical care, 25.7 per cent; personal care, 20.7 per cent; reading and recreation, 5.9 per cent; other costs, 17.4 per cent.

Pres. of Jackson's Ministerial Assoc.



Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes

Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, Pastor of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, is the newly elected president of the Jackson Ministerial Association. The Association is made up of ministers of all faiths in the city.

Dr. Rhodes has served as pastor of Daniel Memorial since 1953. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

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25 To Serve On SBC Committee

NASHVILLE (BP) — 25 Southern Baptist Convention leaders will serve on the SBC Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee making preparation for the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

The Jubilee will be observed in 1964.

Convention President C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., designated a committee composed of J. Howard Williams, James L. Sullivan, Courts Redford, Baker Cauthen, Miss Alina Hunt, George W. Schroeder, F. C. Feezor, Warren, Merrill

Amory W. M. U. Studies Japan In Fascinating Fashion

Each year the Amory WMU makes a special study of some foreign mission field, in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This year a study of Japan was presented at a Japanese Banquet.

On November 28 when the members met in the social hall of the church with their specially invited guests, the men of the church, each woman was given a miniature Japanese parasol with a fact about Japan attached, and each man was given a boutonniere. A Japanese meal, including sukiyaki and an Oriental dessert, was served amidst decorations of flags, flowers, Japanese curios, lanterns, and figurines.

Three YWA's (Glenda Palmer, Nita Waldrop, and Ramona Hood) dressed in Japanese costumes, sang "Beautiful Japan." Several members gave interesting facts about the history of Japan, tracing its origin back to the days of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Nine "returned tourists" from Japan gave the viewpoints of the preacher, businessman, housewife, teacher, serviceman, and businesswoman in that country. The "tourists" were Rev. J. N. Causey, pastor; Jack Francis, Tom Cole, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Means, Mrs. Garland Sanders, Miss Made Clark, Dickie Palmer, Miss Louise Hood, and Mrs. W. A. Stockton, W. M. U. Mission Study Chairman.

D. Moore, R. Orin Cornett, Paul Stevens, W. L. Howse, H. H. McGinty, Arthur Davenport, A. Hamilton Reid, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Porter Routh, Duke K. McCall.

Leonard Sanderson, R. Aulton Reed, Chester L. Quarles, S. F. Dowis, J. N. Barnett, Roland Q. Leavell, and Albert McClellan.

The membership of the committee was approved by the Executive Committee of the Convention. Warren told the Executive Committee that 8 1/2 million Southern Baptists will be among 18 million Baptists in the United States and Canada observing the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Coronation And Recognition Service Held At Sumner



Miss Mary McCrary

Miss Mary McCrary was crowned Queen Regent in a G. A. Coronation service Sunday night, December 9, at the First Church, Sumner.

Thirteen G. A.'s took part in the Coronation Service and fifteen R. A.'s in the Recognition Service.

Mrs. H. H. Dogan is Intermediate G. A. Leader, Mrs. L. P. Marshall is Junior G. A. Leader, Mrs. Tom Rice is Young People's Leader, and Rev. J. R. Nanney is pastor and R. A. Counselor.

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Eight Groups

The eight co-operating Baptist groups will share a period of special evangelism and emphasis on church expansion prior to the Jubilee Year, he said.

He said Southern Baptists are engaged in three phases of the program:

1. That part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in which 18 million Baptists are working together.
2. That part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance to be carried out within the SBC.
3. The SBC 30,000 Committee, which the Convention will be asked to make a part of the SBC Jubilee Advance Committee. This committee is fostering the establishment of 30,000 new preaching stations within the Convention by the year 1964. It will virtually double the present number of preaching

Off The Record

A hillbilly at an observatory paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed, "you're a fine shot!"

"Madam," remarked the sheriff, "I'm amazed that you had the courage to attack a burglar—and in the dark at that!"

"Oh," replied the woman, a little embarrassed, "I didn't know it was a burglar. I thought it was my husband."

—Capper's Weekly

"A diet is what you keep putting off while you keep putting on." — Herb Sherry.

"One woman claims the first time she saw Elvis Presley on TV, she thought something was wrong with her set." — Batesville (Ark.) Guard.

The Rev. Edward M. Pennell Jr., and his curate, the Rev. Millard Streeter of St. Francis Church are two of the busiest Episcopal clergymen in the city of San Francisco. But they are also known for their sense of humor.

No surprise then that recently the people who attend St. Francis did a double take when they saw the San Francisco Police Department's "No Parking" signs replaced by the church's own, "Thou Shalt Not Park." — Episcopal Church News.

points. The Convention presently has about 30,500 cooperating churches.

The Executive Committee also approved the allocation of \$1000 to be used by the inter-Baptist committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance. Warren said the Convention's agencies will bear their own shares of any Jubilee expense incurred in carrying the program within the SBC.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.